

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are rejected in the Office Action. An after-final amended is offered for claim 1 to place the claims in condition for allowance, and no claims are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-10 remain pending.

### **AMENDMENTS**

Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found at least on page 15, lines 9 and 21-23 of Applicant's Specification.

### **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §101**

In "Claim Rejections – 35 USC §101" item 5 on page 2 of the above-identified final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-10 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that the operations of claim 1 do not produce a tangible result. According to the Examiner, the ultimate result of claim 1 is "producing a shared secret key", which the Examiner asserts as being not a practical application. To overcome the rejection, the Examiner recommends that Applicant amend claim 1 to recite that the shared secret key provides a secure communication channel between first and second digital platforms.

In response, Applicant has offered an amendment for claim 1, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now patentable under §101. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1, incorporating its limitations, and accordingly are patentable under §101 for at least the same reasons.

## **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,  
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